



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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Alabama
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MEMORANDUM

Governor Kay Ivey
President

TO: City and County Superintendents

Jackie Zeigler
District I
Vice President

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West
District II

RE: NAEP Postponement

Stephanie Bell
District III

I hope that you are preparing for some much-deserved time to rest and rejuvenate over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend. I would not normally write you this close to the holidays, but I have just received official notice from the National Assessment Governing Board that the previously scheduled National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) mathematics and reading tests for Grades 4 and 8 have been postponed from 2021 to 2022.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV
President Pro Tem

Therefore, Alabama schools will not administer the NAEP in January 2021 as previously planned. Though details have not been determined, the notice states that the tests will be rescheduled for 2022 (as opposed to simply skipping the 2021 administration and restarting the tests in 2023). We will share information with you and your test coordinators as more details are determined.

Tommie T. Stewart, Ph.D.
District V

EGM:LAK

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI

cc: System Test Coordinators
System Curriculum Coordinators
Dr. Daniel Boyd
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Jeff Newman
District VII

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District VIII

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